

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/594,794

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/14/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-25, 27-28, 30, 32-33, 39-40, 42, and 45-48.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 6/16/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendments, filed 2/14/2005, have been fully considered and reviewed by the examiner. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of rejected claims 26,31 and 35-37. Claims 24-25, 27-28, 30, 32-33, 39-40, 42, and 45-48 pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 2/14/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner acknowledges the applicants argument that the limitation, established by the examiner in section 1 of the Office Action dated 8/12/2004, are not in fact required by the claim language. The examiner also acknowledges the applicants assertion that there are other positions that meet the claim language as would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art. However, the examiner maintains the position of the position as discussed above in section 1 of the Office Action dated 8/12/2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 24-25, 27-28, 30, 32-33, 39-40, 42, and 45-48 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of immersing a loop shaped workpiece in a transfer film on a transfer liquid such that the work piece is immersed to a depth exactly half of its height and is perpendicular to the surface plane

of the transfer liquid. Such a position is the only position that meets the limitation of "a circumference of a cross section of the loop shaped workpiece, taken in the thickness direction of the loop shaped work piece, is substantially concurrently contacted with the transfer film at the transfer initiating site" as required by claim 45, as discussed above in section 1 of the Office Action dated 8/12/2004.

Conclusion

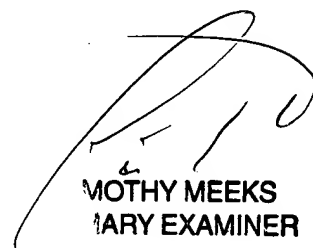
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Turocy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2940. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00, No 2nd Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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